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Shenandoah National Park News Release

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Shenandoah National Park Announces Spring Opening Dates

Shenandoah National Park Acting Superintendent Trish Kicklighter announced today that facilities closed during the winter will begin opening this month and will continue to open through the spring.

Visitor Centers will be operated as follows: Harry F. Byrd Visitor Center will open April 2 and Dickey Ridge Visitor Center will open April 16.

Campgrounds will operate on the following schedule: Big Meadows Campgrounds will open on March 25; Dundo Group Campground will open on April 15; Lewis Mountain Campground will open on April 29; Loft Mountain Campground opens on May 20; and Mathews Arm Campground will open on May 27.

Campground prices are as follows: Mathews Arm, Lewis Mountain and Loft Mountain Campgrounds are \$16.00; Big Meadows Campground is \$16.00 off reservation (April, May and November) and \$19.00 on reservation. Dundo Campground is \$32.00.

Concessioner-operated restaurants, lodges and associated facilities will operate as follows: Skyland Resort will open on March 24; Elkwallow Wayside, Big Meadows Wayside, and Big Meadows Shower/Laundry will open on March 25; Big Meadows Lodge will open on April 28; Lewis Mountain Cabins and Lewis Mountain Campstore will open on April 29; Loft Mountain Wayside opens on May 6; Loft Mountain Campstore and Loft Mountain Shower and Laundry will open on May 20.

For more information about planning a trip to Shenandoah National Park go to http://www.nps.gov/shen and click on the "In depth" section or call the park at (540) 999-3500.

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